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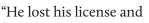
## **FERTILE GROUND**

## SAND STONE FARMS TURNS TURKEY LITTER INTO QUALITY COMPOST

BY EVA MOORE | PHOTOS COURTESY MICHAEL STONE

Michael Stone didn't set out to start a compost business. But now that he has, he's doing it right.

Stone is a contract turkey grower, raising turkey chicks from birth to 5 weeks of age. Every five weeks, he cleans out his turkey sheds. He used to sell the turkey litter - a combination of wood chips and turkey manure - to a litter broker who would resell it to other farmers. But then the broker's business ended.



I was suddenly stuck with the litter out of the barns and no way to really handle it," Stone says.

After consulting with a manure management specialist at Clemson, Stone decided to compost the litter himself. He's now permitted through the state Department of Health and Environmental Control as a producer of "exceptional quality compost," and Clemson certifies his compost for organic production.

Because of his frequent flock turnover and cleaning schedule, his turkey barns supply litter that's just right for composting.

"Anytime you're dealing with manure, if you have too much, you can burn plants because the nitrogen is way too high," he explains. "You need a proper mixture of carbon and nitrogen to compost.

"I also raise horses. If I were to take horse manure and put it in the garden, it's just going to burn that garden up. I would have to add bulking agents wood chips, straw, hay - to the compost. But it just so happens that the turkey litter comes out of the barn ready to go with the right mixture of carbon

and nitrogen."

Business is expanding quickly, says Stone, simply through word of mouth. His customers are mostly landscapers, home gardeners, and local retail shops. He's about to begin bagging his Sand Stone Farms compost for retail sale, and by the end of year, plans to expand to products made with compost like a potting mix and a succulent

He also uses the compost to grow vegetables on his own





farm. It's helping him improve the soil there long term.

"As you know, in the Midlands of South Carolina, there's no such thing as soil, just sand," he jokes. "Our compost on average is about 63 percent organic matter, so every time I add it to the sand I have, I'm putting organic matter back into the soil. That helps the soil maintain moisture, helps with runoff. It's what anyone wants in a soil."

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## **NETWORKING AND LEARNING**

ast week we held our 2021 Certified South Carolina Grower Buyer Mash Up at the State Farmers Market in Columbia. I don't know what got mashed, but there was a lot of meeting going on.

After a year of Zooming, it was a real pleasure to wander around the South Shed and chat with farmers, buyers, specialty food producers, and other folks in the ag world. The only issue was that the wind was blowing through the shed for a while. Saw a lot of good-sized rocks used as paperweights.

We made some big changes to the event this year, moving it outside because of COVID, partnering with the Midlands Local Food Collaborative, and expanding the footprint and attendance to serve a broader audience. Everyone told me that SCDA staff, led by Katie Pfeiffer, did a great job.

For the first time, we hosted two educational panels. In the first panel, three chefs spoke about what they're looking for when it comes to local food products.

"The No. 1 thing I look for is excitement in a farmer's eyes when they walk in my kitchen," said Jon Buck, former executive chef at Husk Greenville, who now works with Dupre Catering.

Next, we held a panel of buyers, including representatives from local wholesaler Senn Brothers; the food hub Freshlist; FreshPoint, Sysco's local food subsidiary; and Food Lion.

The larger buyers all agreed that GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) certification and some sort of cold storage are essential first steps for producers looking to move to the wholesale level. At SCDA we provide cost share grants for both GAP certification and cold storage.

Food hubs, meanwhile, can work with producers who aren't GAP certified or have smaller capacity though food hubs often have their own food safety audit requirements for producers.

The buyers said farmers should focus on their strengths rather than trying to do a little of everything.

"What you're good at, grow it. What you're not sure about, let somebody else grow it," said Lonnie Kelley, a local produce sourcing specialist with Food Lion.

They also stressed the importance of communication - about price points, supply, and expectations.

The panel discussions were followed by a trade show-style exhibit session, during which I got to check in with lots of South Carolina producers both new and experienced. It's exciting to see what farmers and specialty food vendors are bringing to market these days. I'm inspired by their passion and hard work and I'm glad we can help them achieve their goals.

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## Spring Educational Bison Buggy Wagon Tours

April 1 - 30 excluding Saturdays

Spring is here and we are again offering our popular, educational Bison Buggy Wagon Tours, which last about 2 hours. The tour starts at our visitor's barn, which overlooks the beautiful 215-acre ranch and the scenic, rolling hills of Western York County. After a brief introduction to the history of the Tatanka Bison Ranch and its majestic bison, visitors get to ride on our 18-seater, covered wagon. Guests learn more about the holistic management of the ranch and its animals. At the bison handling facilities and corral, we demonstrate how we handle our wild herd of bison at our annual roundup. The tour then visits with our main breeding herd, where you get to observe the bison from close-up, with our huge breeding bull "Big Boy" and our 15 breeding cows. In mid-April, we expect to have the first of our cute and playful 2021 calves born! Visitors are encouraged to ask questions and take many photos and videos. After we return to our visitors' center, guests can purchase our 100% grass-fed and finished bison meat products. The tour allows us to socially distance and is suitable for young and old, homeschooler co-ops, youth and church groups, and groups of friends and families looking for a unique and educational outing.

Tatanka Bison Ranch 8088 Kays Drive, York 704-860-2130 tatankabison.com



# Spring Opening Day at Stewart Farms

Opening day for the greenhouse will be April 2! Current estimate for strawberries is around April 15, but we will keep you updated as they make progress.

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## Easter Egg Hunt

April 2 • 10 am - 2 pm

See the newborn baby animals and hop-hop on our giant jumping pillow! Have your photo made with the Easter Bunny & Friends! Enjoy games and face painting. Zip on the ziplines and ride the cow train — you can even hop on some giant "eggs". Gates Open at 10am and event is complete at 2pm. Easter Egg Hunt Times: 10:30am - 11:30am - 12:30pm -1:30pm. Please arrive 15-30 minutes prior to the hunt you choose! Activities and attractions are available until 2pm. Adults and children (age 3 up) \$10 each online (advance purchase). Tickets sold on the day of the event will be \$12 each at the farm. Each egg hunter is allowed up to 12 eggs. Group discounts available for 25+ paying with one transaction.

**Denver Downs** 1515 Denver Road, Anderson denverdownsfarm.ticketleap.com

## Spring Market - Pick & Shop

April 3 • 10 am - 2 pm

Join us for a vendor day at our Roadside Market. There will be spring wreaths and doorhangers, children's clothing, Easter basket goodies, gift items, handcrafted wood and metalwork and more! We will also have homemade ice cream and U-Pick strawberries!

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## Dye Easter Eggs at the Farm

April 3 • 11 am - 2 pm

Come out to enjoy the spring day! Decorate an Easter basket and dye farm fresh eggs. Book online to ensure your spot is saved! The Easter Bunny has left in the farm store plenty of alpaca and llama themed baskets!

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## Spring Fling and Grand Opening

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## Winemaker's Behind the Scenes Tour

April 3 • 2 – 3 pm

A special behind the scenes tour of our vineyards and production area with winemaker/co-owner Josh Jones. The tour will last roughly one hour and includes a free glass of wine and souvenir wine glass. \$15 per person. Sign up online. Space is limited. **City Scape Winery** 

589 Dunklin Bridge Road, Pelzer cityscapewinery.com/ev/winemakers-behind-scenes-tour

## **Donkey Meet and Greets**

April 3, 10, 17, & 24 • 11 am - 1 pm Join us in the Donkey Pasture just up from the swinging bridge on the Dairy Barn side to meet our donkeys and the volunteers who care for them. Come ask questions, learn a bit about the donkeys and perhaps get a chance to brush or pet them! This is a drop-in event and is weather dependent. Where: Donkey Pasture @ the Dairy Barn Entrance. Thank you for doing your part to keep others safe. Masks and social distancing are required.

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## Kids' Farm Camp @ The Ivy Place

April 5 - 9 • 9 am - 4 pm

A week on the farm offers opportunity to disconnect from technology and connect with the outdoors. Offering a mix of life on the farm experience and time to be a kid and play. Imagination and creativity runs wild as campers enjoy activities such as hiking, arts and crafts, garden and farm education, games, scavenger hunts and much more. In a safe environment as we go back in time where kids can be kids. All outdoor, ages 6-11 \$275. Spots limited to 15 campers only! Led by National Board Certified Teacher.

The Ivy Place 8603 Van Wyck Road, Lancaster 803-804-6017

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## Agventure Dairy Day

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Be sure to register for AGventure! \$6 Ages 6-14. \$15 Maximum. Register by email below.

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## Opening Day Farmers Market and Vendor Fair

April 10 • 10 am - 2 pm

Join us for our first farmers market of the season! We are open every Saturday at the store and host our vendor fair every second Saturday from April – December. Our Saturday market offers seasonal produce, jams, jellies, chow chow, okra, local honey, BBQ sauces, bleached flannel shirts, handmade candles and soaps, and specialty bath products. Our second Saturday vendor fairs include local farms Sun Valley, Pig Feathers, Eubanks Farms, local potters and artists, McDonough Pottery, Honestly Sweet gifts, Down to Earth Anne. We're featuring live music from Christian Ndeti and BBQ from Wyandotte Smoke. Join us for a fun day outdoors!

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## **Antique Tractor Pull**

April 10 • 11 am

Admission: \$5; kids 12 & under free 150 Old Belleville Road, St. Matthews

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## Annual Spring Sip & Shop @ Old Rock **Quarry Winery**

April 10 • 11 am - 4 pm

Grab the family, pick up the friends and join us at Old Rock Quarry Winery on Saturday, April 10th from noon to 5 p.m. for our annual Spring Sip & Shop! Come inside and grab a glass or bottle of your favorite, award-winning ORQ wine. Then step outside and shop the 15+ local vendors before grabbing some lunch with our favorite hotdog vendor Rambo's! From beauty care to home decor and everything else in between; this is a must-do shopping event!

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## SCISA State Equestrian & Open Horse Show

April 17 • 10:30 am

Open horse show to start immediately following the SCISA State Western Equestrian Championship. Estimated start of open show will be noon. Classes will include English, western, ranch & games. The honorable Cailey Culp of Laurinburg, NC will be judging.

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Barrels & Beer Workshop

April 24 • 11 am - 2 pm

During this workshop, you will learn how to install your own rain barrel, in addition to painting it to your heart's desire. We will have presentations from educators on water conservation, natural resource protection, and why reducing the amount of pollution that makes it to surface water is important, not only for beer, but for your drinking water. A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to the ASWCD Environmental Steward mini-grant. Must be 21+ to qualify for beer.

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**Golden Grove Brewery** 115 Krim Road, Piedmont

Contact: Kaleigh Sims

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Sweet and sun-ripened, South Carolina strawberries are an early and exciting sign of spring, heralding all the fresh produce to come in the warm months ahead.

As April begins, farms across the state have fields filled with strawberries – and more on the way. Depending on location, farms begin their seasons in mid March to early April and will keep producing berries through early June.

Some farms are U-pick, while others sell their berries at roadside stands and local markets. Some farms may shift business models mid-season, inviting guests on the farm for U-pick only during the busiest times. It's best to track the farms on Facebook and/or contact them before you visit.

And what to do with the bounty of South Carolina strawberries? We have a few ideas.

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## STRAWBERRY LEMON BLONDIES

A bright-flavored twist on classic blondies, this dessert has a shortbread-like texture and lots of fresh South Carolina strawberries. Recipe courtesy of McLeod Farms.

#### **BLONDIES:**

- 1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 2 1/4 cups all purpose flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 cup Mac's Pride Strawberries, diced

#### **GLAZE:**

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 large Mac's Pride Strawberries
- lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9-inch square baking pan with parchment paper with long edges. This will help you lift out the blondies for easy glazing and icing.

Cream together butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in the egg until fully incorporated. Add lemon juice.

Whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add to wet ingredients mixing until no more dry flour is present.

Gently fold in strawberries. Spread the mixture into your pan as evenly as possible. The dough will be thick. Bake for 30-35 minutes, just until starting to turn golden around the edges and the center is set. A toothpick inserted in the center will be moist but not west. Let cool on rack.

Trim the 2 strawberries for glaze and puree in small food processor or mash through a strainer to get about 1 Tbsp of puree.

Whisk together the sugar, Tbsp of strawberry puree, and lemon juice until no lumps remain. If your glaze is too think, add more sugar. If it's too thick add more lemon juice.

Spread the glaze over the cooled blondies. Let the glaze set before slicing.

## FRESH STRAWBERRY SYRUP

Capture the essence of fresh strawberry flavor. Excellent on pancakes, French toast, or ice cream; and a spoonful or two mixed into cold sparkling water will produce a lovely strawberry soda. An immersion blender will make this task easier, but a jar blender will work fine. Recipe by Will Green.

- 1 1/4 lb ripe South Carolina strawberries, hulled and sliced thin
- 4 cups water
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- Juice of one lemon
- Pinch of salt

Combine the water, salt, and sugar in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil, then back down to a bare simmer. Stir to dissolve sugar and salt. Add I lb of strawberries (reserve ¼ lb of the very ripest berries) and simmer gently for 10 minutes. Remove from heat, add lemon juice and reserved berries. Blend for I minute. Pour resulting liquid through your finest sieve and into a large bowl. You will need to stir and press the liquid through the sieve to extract maximum flavor and yield. You may need to work in 2-3 batches, emptying the sieve each time. Jar the syrup. Will keep in fridge for a week.

## **CHRISTMAS JAM**

Because strawberries are so simple and sweet, they gain some dimension from tart flavors like rhubarb – or, in the case of this jam, cranberries. Recipe courtesy of Bush N Vine Farm.

- 12 oz package fresh cranberries
- 4 cups Bush-N-Vine strawberries (frozen may be used, but thaw first)
- 4 cups sugar
- 3 oz. liquid pectin

Wash cranberries, process in food processor until coarsely chopped. Combine cranberries, strawberries and sugar in Dutch oven and bring to a boil. Cook I minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, add liquid pectin to the mixture. Bring back to a full rolling boil and boil I minute stirring constantly. Remove from heat and skim off foam. Quickly pour into hot sterilized jars, leaving ¼ in. head space. Wipe jar rims and cover with lids. Process in boiling water 5 minutes. Yield 7 half pints.

## STRAWBERRY PIE

A classic with good reason, strawberry pie is little more than whole strawberries piled in a pie shell, glazed with a sweet syrup. While some recipes use strawberry-flavored gelatin in the glaze, you'll find the pure flavor of in-season South Carolina strawberries needs no boost in this simple version.

- 9" pie crust, homemade or storebought
- 6 cups fresh South Carolina strawberries, washed and hulled
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- ½ cup water

Bake pie shell according to package directions or recipe. Let cool.

Mash I cup strawberries in saucepan. Add sugar and bring to a simmer over medium heat, stirring.

In small bowl, whisk together cornstarch and water. Add to saucepan and simmer until thickened, stirring (5-10 minutes).

Arrange remaining 5 cups strawberries in pie shell. Pour glaze over berries. Chill pie. Serve with whipped cream or crème fraiche.

## **HOW TO KEEP STRAWBERRIES**

**In the Refrigerator:** One reason strawberries are so prized is their fleeting freshness. Sometimes they start leaking pink juice before you can even get them in the fridge.

Last summer, cooking website The Kitchn tested a variety of ways to keep strawberries fresh. They found most success with dunking the berries in a water bath made with I part white vinegar and 3 parts water, then draining them and drying them as thoroughly as possible using a salad spinner. If that sounds too involved, simply rinsing the berries and then thoroughly drying them in a salad spinner before putting them in the refrigerator also got decent results. The next best method was simply storing the berries, unwashed, in a clamshell or other container with air circulation.

The best method, of course, is to try to use them as quickly as you can.

**In the Freezer:** Strawberries freeze well. Wash and hull them, then spread on a cookie sheet to freeze. Store in plastic freezer bags.

Those of us with fridges too narrow for a cookie sheet can find decent results with just rinsing, hulling, and drying the berries off as much as possible before tossing them in a plastic freezer bag.

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# **GROWER + BUYER MASH UP**

AND CHEF SHOWCASE

















1890 RESEARCH & EXTENSION

Despite the windy weather, the 2021 Certified South Carolina Grower Buyer Mash up was a success. Attendees included (clockwise from top left): Commissioner Hugh Weathers and Heritage Peanut Co.'s Jared Jester; Clayton Rawl Farms: Yon Family Farms; SCDA's Produce Safety team; Watsonia Farms; and Thee Matriarch Bed and Breakfast. Among the samples offered by local chefs were hakurei turnips and carrot-red lentil hummus made by Chef Haydn Shaak of Restaurant 17 (center) and Bradford Farms cabbage wraps made by Dupre Catering's Jon Buck (bottom middle).

## SC STATE 1890 DEEPENS UNIVERSITY'S AG ROOTS BY OPENING NEW FARM

BY SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

ORANGEBURG, S.C. - South Carolina State University 1890 Research & Extension will deepen the university's agricultural roots with the opening of a new research and demonstration farm in Olar, South Carolina.

The acquisition of the nearly 200-acre farm holds significant historical value for the university, as it has been 50 years since the historically black land-grant university has owned and operated a farm. The university community planned to celebrate the opening of the new farm with a ribbon-cutting and groundbreaking ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday, March 26, at the demonstration farm, 1678 Alligator Road, Olar.

"SC State University has long been committed to advancing agriculture and agriculture-related practices and technologies since its founding in 1896," SC State University President James E. Clark said. "The new SC State 1890 Research & Demonstration Farm furthers our land-grant mission of improving quality of life for South Carolinians, particularly for the state's small farm producers and entrepreneurs who will greatly benefit from the farm's re-established presence in the state."

Located approximately nearly 30 miles from SC State's Orangeburg campus, the farm features a 2,200-square-foot farm manager residence, 3,650 square-foot hay barn and 4,000 square-foot large equipment shed. Three ponds are also situated on the property.

Plans for expansion include the addition of a multifunctional training center, which will house office and community meeting spaces, research

laboratories, classrooms and indoor storage for large machinery. Construction of a processing center also is planned.

The SC State University 1890 Research & Extension Program, which serves as the public service arm

of the university, will operate the farm. Intensive research studies, as well as research-based educational workshops and training sessions, will be offered through the organization, which emphasizes sustainable agriculture and natural resources among its programmatic areas.

Immediate farm activity will align with SC State 1890's purpose to provide relevant, scientificbased programming and conduct problem solving research which addresses agriculture and agriculture-related challenges impacting South Carolina's nearly \$45 billion agriculture industry. Such activities will include studying the emerging hemp crop and researching vegetable production using conventional and organic practices in hoop houses and a greenhouse. Agroforestry will be explored, and the farm will include opportunities for community gardening.

"There could be no better time than now to add this research and demonstration farm to the university's research, teaching and public service

> portfolio," Dr. Louis Whitesides, vice president and executive director for 1890 Programs, said. "As global systems expand, agriculture remains at the forefront as the leading global economic industry.

"The work we do through 1890 Research & Extension

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and now through the farm will advance agriculture innovation and practices, whether it be to assist small farmers in increasing revenue, eliminating food insecurities, combatting environmental and climate issues or preparing the next generation of ag leaders," Whitesides said.

Funding to acquire the \$750,000 farm was supported through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a long-standing partner with SC State University. Such funding is available to universities in the land-grant system network strengthen and increase their capabilities in the agriculture and food-related sciences.

For more information on the new 1890 Research & Demonstration Farm, contact Dr. Louis Whitesides, at lwhitesides@scsu.edu or (803) 536-8351.



# CLEMSON RESEARCHERS DEVELOP NEW TECHNOLOGY TO MAKE FERTIGATING ROW CROPS MORE APPEALING

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

BLACKVILLE, S.C. – The days of manually calculating numbers on spreadsheets to determine how much liquid fertilizer should be used to fertigate row crops may soon be gone, thanks to a new web-based calculator (app) from Clemson University.

The Clemson Center Pivot Fertigation Calculator is designed to help agricultural producers make more precise fertilizer applications, which will save money and increase crop productivity. This app was developed by Kendall Kirk, a Clemson precision agriculture engineer, with "good advice" from many members of the South Carolina farming community.

"This resource was developed to help producers easily calculate the flow rate of liquid fertilizer and injection pump settings needed to fertigate through a center pivot irrigation system," Kirk said. "It is designed to make the math a little easier."

Information required includes fertilizer formulation, pivot size, pivot travel time, fertilizer rate and injection pump manufacturer/model.

After all of the information has been input, the calculator determines liquid fertilizer flow rate required to supply the needed nutrients through a center pivot system, as well as rate per acre of each fertilizer component and recommended injection pump setting. The calculator also creates a fertigation schedule. Results and direct links to the inputs can be sent directly to the producer's email address.

Ben Fogle, a core technician for the Precision Agriculture program who works with Kirk, said the calculator is convenient in that it can be used anywhere internet is available.

"If a producer is in the field, they can pull out their cell phone and use the fertigation calculation app on their phone," Fogle said. "This app also can be used on a tablet, on a computer, or anywhere that has internet capabilities. As long as internet is available, this app can be used."

Convenience is what developers had in mind when they created the calculator.

"We developed this calculator for center pivot fertigation after a grower called and wanted instructions on how to set up his fertigation system," Kirk said. "We realized a lot calculations are involved when growers fertigate and we could make people's lives a lot easier if we could give them a system that could calculate some of these things for them."

Jacob Oswald of Allendale, who graduated from Clemson with a degree in agricultural mechanization and business in 2015, is one of several people who work in South Carolina agriculture who helped develop the calculator. Oswald works with growers across the state to

determine how to maximize their yields while still maintaining an efficient economic investment in their farming operations.

"I find this calculator particularly useful because calculating the correct application rate for nutrients injected through irrigation systems can be a difficult process," Oswald said. "A lot of times, the information required comes from multiple sources, such as the pivot application chart, the specific injection pump manual, as well as nutrient labels.

"This calculator has taken all of these variables and research and combined them into one user-friendly platform. I ran the calculator for one of our irrigation systems and it took less than 5 minutes to get an accurate pump setting for injection. I was even able to use this from the browser on my cell phone."

## IRRIGATING AND FERTILIZING

Corn, cotton, peanuts and soybeans are the state's major row crops. Efficient irrigation systems and water management practices can help maintain farm profitability. Applying fertilizer to these crops through irrigation systems will benefit row crop producers, said Michael Plumblee, Clemson Extension corn and soybean specialist.

"Being able to apply fertilizer in small amounts throughout the growing season is beneficial in meeting the crop nutrient requirements as they increase or progress throughout the growing season," Plumblee said. "Often adding additional fertilizer to crops such as corn are limited due to equipment limitations, labor and time."

The most difficult part of fertigation is often coupled with determining how much fertilizer to put into the irrigation water so that appropriate rates are applied.

"This is where Dr. Kirk's app comes into play," Plumblee. "By filling in information about each system's parameters, the program provides an output on where to put injection pump settings to ensure that the injected rates are correct and help schedule system run time. In summary, this program helps take out some of the guess work for calibrating and applying fertilizer through irrigation to crops in an appropriate manner."

South Carolina is comprised of four regions
– Upper Coastal Plains, Lower Coastal Plains,
Piedmont and Blue Ridge Mountains. Bhupinder
Farmaha, Clemson soil fertility specialist, said each
region contains many different soil types. Fertile
soils provide essential nutrients required for plant
growth.

Essential nutrients required by plants include macronutrients – nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulfur, calcium and magnesium; as well as

micronutrients – copper, zinc, iron, manganese, boron and molybdenum. A shortage of these nutrients can affect plant growth. In addition, too much of these nutrients also can be just as bad.

A soil's natural fertility largely depends on the parent materials from which the soil has developed and the original vegetation. Overtime on agricultural land, significant quantities of nutrients are lost either through: plant harvests, soil erosion, runoff, leaching and burning of crop residues.

Farmaha said it is important to have regularly soil tested to make sure enough nutrients are supplied to sustain a crop through external inputs such as fertilizer, residue from previous crops, or animal manure can be applied. When nutrient removal exceeds nutrient inputs, the soil's nutrient reserves are depleted and may cause yield loss.

"On irrigated land, farmers can supply different nutrients during the growing season and tailor it more with crop demand," Farmaha said. "This is when producers could use the Center Pivot Fertigation Calculator."

Nitrogen is the most common nutrient supplied through irrigation.

Information from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) shows irrigation is probably the most important use of water worldwide. Farmers could not provide food for the planet's population without irrigating crops. About 10% of South Carolina crop, pasture, and grazing land is irrigated, Kirk said. A report from the USGS shows South Carolina withdrew between 0 and 200 million gallons of water per day in 2015.

"Our farmers in South Carolina, as well as in the entire United States, are among the greatest stewards of our water resources," Kirk said. "When someone sees an irrigation system running, it's because it's more profitable for the producer to irrigate than not irrigate. And, they don't irrigate more than they need to irrigate because doing so would result in less profit for them. Better profit for the farmers results in less cost of food for consumers. Oftentimes, what farmers do to impact their profitability also has a positive impact on the environment."

Other calculators and web apps developed by the Clemson Precision Agriculture Team include a Drip Fertigation Calculator, an Equilibrium Moisture Content (EMC) Calculator, an Injection Pump Settings Calculator, a Lime Rate Calculator, a Peanut Digger Conveyor Speed Calculator, a Peanut Yield Estimator, a Soil Acidification Calculator and a Watermark Soil Moisture Calculator. For information on these and other precision agriculture topics go to <a href="mailto:clemson.edu/extension/agronomy/PrecisionAgriculture">clemson.edu/extension/agronomy/PrecisionAgriculture</a>.

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28' boom, \$3500 obo Matthew Taylor Lexington 803-767-3200

## **FORD 1700 TRACTOR**

newly rebuilt dsl eng, new tires, starter, generator, radiator, 60" mwr, \$6900 Wayne Krause Greenville 864-385-4583

## **ENROSSI 8 WHL V-RAKE**

hyd fold, under shed, GC, \$2800, cash only Randy Orr Anderson 864-295-3736

## **FINISHING MOWER**

Woods Heritage RD60, GC, \$1650; 4 whl hay rake, 3pt, 13'+, \$550 Kent Jewell Lancaster 803-320-3708 **RND HAY BALE SPEAR** 

## frt end ldr mntd, \$150;

spike harrow mod STH84, 80"W×40"D, 3ph mntd, \$400 Dennis Fraley Beaufort 843-598-1150

#### JD 2940

85hp, needs oil pump in trans, \$4500; NH 353 grinder mixer, salvage, \$300 George Albers Charleston 843-860-1088

#### JD 7100 6R CORN PLNTR

EC, field ready, \$7500 Sammy Thomas Lexington 803-413-6770

## **KUBOTA 4500**

dsl, \$5800; 9 shank Athens High clearance chisel, \$800; 7' Hardee BH, 3pt, \$1050 Jack Hurst Chesterfield 843-921-8574

#### **CASE DISC CUTTER**

mod 3206, partially disassembled, gearbox is good, \$650 Jerry Comeaux Saluda 864-992-3869

## FORAGE/SILAGE WAGON

JD Chuck Wagon mod B125, barn stored, needs PTO shaft repair, \$1050 Danny Leitner Fairfield 843-200-0887

## **TONUTTI HAY TEDDER**

mod GT310, 2 basket, 3ph, GC, field ready, \$1200 Danny Leitner Fairfield 843-200-0887

## **BUSH HOG SCRAPE BLADE**

7', \$650; HD post hole digger, w/8" & 12" augers, \$750; both w/little use Will Kraft Greenville 864-979-7910

## **FA 230**

GRC, I new rear tire, foam in frt tires, will not go into reverse, \$1500 obo William Timmerman Aiken 803-640-6265

## '73 FORD 2000

gas tractor, & 6' scrape blade, \$4500 obo Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

## **FELLER BUNCHER**

Hydro Ax 611EX, 7500 hrs, starts, runs, GRC, newer saw head, \$16,000 obo Dakota Hollman Lexington 803-687-6382

## **FRED CAIN CULT**

5 shank, \$600; 7' scrape blade, \$250; 16 disc harrows, HD, 3ph, dbl section, \$850; HD subsoiler, \$225 Marshall Oshields Union 876-426-8021

## JD 2020

dsl, \$7500; 10'6" JD 285, \$6500; JD 335 baler, \$8500; JD 702 8 whl rake, \$4000 Ronnie Judy Dorchester 843-701-6394

#### **300 GAL SPRAYER**

pull type on whls, \$2000; MT-JD tractor, \$1000; "B" JD tractor, \$2400; more Ronny Wilson Anderson 864-356-6959

#### **IH 1440 COMBINE**

GC, \$9000 Charles Nichols Saluda 864-445-8350

#### 4400 JD GAS COMBINE

13' flex head, good tires, new parts & belts, GC, \$4000 David Green Spartanburg 864-804-8090

## **ZTR DRUM MWR**

2 drum, barn kept, \$4000 Steve Hartsell Anderson 864-287-2938 16' GN CATTLE TRL

'73 Double D, center cut gate, side door & sliding/ swing load door, \$3000 obo Carson Griffin Abbeville 704-219-1331

#### **RND BALER**

Vemeer 5400 Rebel, garage kept, LN, 1500 bales on it, twine wrap, \$8500 Rusty Bryant Chesterfield 843-910-0952

## 850 MF COMBINE

6r corn, 18' grain, all shed kept, w/all manuals, (2) row crop hdrs, \$8000 obo David Earley Orangeburg 803-534-3689

#### **FINISH MWR** Bush Hog RDTH 72, GC, \$600

Brian Ward Newberry 864-344-5530 MF 10PT CHISEL PLOW \$1500; MF 4r cult, \$700; Intl 4r cult, \$700

#### Plato Kneece Aiken 803-582-8665

**WOODS FINISHING MWR 59** for Cub FA, \$1200; rolling

scoop pan box blade, 3ph, \$1500; both LN Robert Yonce Aiken 803-685-7240

## NH 617 ROTARY CUTTER

o', new belt & knives, 3ph, GC, \$2500; NH hay rake, 56 & 156, more, \$1000 each; more Larry Owen Newberry 803-276-7266

## (2) KING HYD DISCS

24 blade, \$1100 & \$600 Ronnie Johnston Horry 843-397-5932

## JD 8200 GRAIN DRILL

18 disk, GC, shed kept, \$1500 David Sease Newberry 803-622-2957

## **FERT TENDER**

4 ton cap, shed kept, GC, \$3000 Daniel Finger Spartanburg 864-237-3210

## THRESHING MACHINE

Case All Steel, early 1900s, GC, \$1800; JD grain binder, antique, needs restoration, but is compl, \$2000 Ed Long Laurens 864-505-6765

## JD 328 SQ BALER

GC, shed kept, \$7500 Eddie McLeod Newberry 803-924-6500 CAT D8H

pwr shft, good undrcrg, tilt blade, \$19,500 obro/trade F Rowe Newberry 803-271-7768

## **HAY KING C-8**

pasture/field renovator, EC, \$2400; Vicon RS 510 4 basket tedder, pull type, \$2900; both FR & shed kept Heath Hoover Sumter 803-499-4572

#### '52 FORD 8N GC, \$3000; 9 shank chisel

plow, \$650 Jimmy Wilson Anderson 864-923-2348 MF 135 TRACTOR dsl, good tires, rear weights,

new paint, GRC, no PS, \$5000

#### Spartanburg 864-595-1136

M Wilson

JD 4230 100 hp, quad range trans, 6100 hrs, \$10,000 Robert Hurley Laurens 864-981-5352

#### KMC 6R SUBSOIL BEDDER w/shaper pan, \$10,000;

module builder, \$2000 Danny McAlhaney Bamberg 803-793-7095

## JD 1700 MAX EMERGE

w/6r vac plntr, 38"r - setup on 30"r, has row cleaners, spray, liq fert, tanks are off, \$14,000 Joe Phillips Lexington 803-600-2928

## JD 9986 COTTON PICKER

2371 fan hrs, \$80,000: Taylor module builder, \$3500: KBH Boll buggy, \$11,500; JD 4640, \$27,500 Rusty Darby Chester 803-385-7518

## LIVESTOCK TRL

8'L×4'W, \$1300; Util trl, 5'W×8"L, metal mesh w/ wood on top, lights & spare tire, \$450 Chris Matthews Saluda 864-992-1253

## GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

#### **NORWEGIAN DWARF GOATS** 12 w/o, blue-eyes w/horns,

\$125+ Albert Woodberry Georgetown 843-558-2009 **RAMS** \$150+

#### 4Y/O KIKO BUCK 100% NZ, NKR reg, proven,

gentle & approachable, \$500 Cal Norris Edgefield 864-378-2693 %BOER %MILK GOATS B-11/27-28/20; billies, \$150

#### ST CROIX RAMS reg, nvr wormed, breeder

Eddie Martin Anderson 864-296-0454 **3 NGN DWARF BUCKLINGS** vac & wormed, \$125/each obo Nik McDonald

## **DOPPLER RAM LAMBS** gentle, 5 m/o, ready for

breeding midsummer, \$195 each Sam Rikard Lexington 803-892-2630

#### **NUBIAN GOATS** Nubian goats,1½ y/o, \$250

each; Doe, due in May, \$325 Mike Komar Lexington 803-582-8132

#### **BLK SPANISH BILLY** 3 y/o, \$300

John Smith Kershaw 803-243-8489

each; nannies, \$200 each Ann Furtick Philip Poole Orangeburg Union 803-707-4826 864-427-1589

# qual rams, easy to keep, \$375

Abbeville 864-532-1535

#### HAY & GRAIN

#### '20 FESCUE & MIXED GRASS

5×4 twine wrap, \$25 Chris Cathcart Fairfield 803-603-8237

#### **COW & HORSE HAY**

cow mixture, \$25/bale for 3+ bales; horse hay, Coastal, \$30/bale Scott Derrick Edgefield 803-430-0390

#### '20 RYE GRASS HAY

4×5, \$25/bale Carroll Dorn Saluda 864-445-3893

#### **WHEAT STRAW**

sq, shed kept, 500+ avail, \$5/bale at barn Chris Chambers Anderson 864-350-0797

#### **CQ CB & TIFTON 85**

lrg net wrap bales, \$35 Ann Furtick Orangeburg 803-707-4826

## **SQ ALFALFA BALES**

60+ lbs, \$14 each Stephan Vernet Spartanburg 864-363-5800

#### '20 FESCUE/MIXED GRASS

4×5 rnd, NR, land fert, no manure, barn stored, \$40 Billy Gallman Newberry 803-276-7171

#### **CQ COASTAL**

4×5 net wrap, \$30 Gary Bryant Darlington 843-858-3865

## '20 CB

\$30-35; Bahia, \$15; 900 lb bales Tom Thornton Lexington 803-960-4068

#### **HQ CB HAY**

tight bales, \$8/bale, can del Victor Smith Berkeley 843-688-5353

#### **COB CORN**

\$6; shelled corn, 50 lb, \$7; 55 gal drum, \$40, drum not incl Wyatt Eargle Aiken

#### 803-604-7535 '20 HQ FESCUE

4×5 rnd, \$45 each; shed kept, NR, Pauline area Spartanburg 864-809-0104

#### '20 4×5 FESCUE

HQ, shed kept, \$35 Wesley Boland Newberry 803-768-2010

#### '20 4×5 RND CB

net wrap, \$45 Wesley Wiles Barnwell 803-516-2557

#### **CQ MIXED GRASS**

4×5 bales, net wrap, \$35/bale Tony Williams Edgefield 803-391-5713

#### **4×5 RND MIXED GRASS**

GQ, can del, \$30 David Gardner Saluda 803-730-3485

#### '20 4×5 CB

net wrap, shed stored, \$55; outside stored, \$45, del avail w/in 50 mi Bobby Zimmerman Lexington 803-317-8681

#### '20 4×5 RND CB

net wrap, shed kept, can del, \$50 each Andrew Rice Allendale 803-686-1208

#### **NW ALFALFA**

3×3×8, 900 lbs, \$200; 3×4×8, 1500 lbs, \$260; Timothy/ Alfalfa, 3×3×8, 900 lbs, \$180, cash sales Chris Roux Cherokee 864-906-5471

## **4×5 TWINED CB**

300 bales, \$45 Michael Luongo Lexington 803-309-5926

#### '20 4×5 RND FESCUE

net, sprayed, fert, shed kept, \$35; pasture kept, \$25; local del avail Michael Marini Greenwood

#### '20 MIXED GRASS

864-344-8182

outside 4×5 bales, loaded on your truck, \$25-30/bale George Reed Anderson 864-934-8110

### '20 MIXED GRASS

HQ & CQ, rnd bales, fert, limed, sprayed, \$25-\$30/ bale, del avail **Donald Counts** Newberry 803-315-1016

#### '20 4×5 RND RYEGRASS

5 bale min, \$25 each Mike Cousins Newberry 803-940-6555

### **HQCB**

\$50 each; CQ, \$35 & \$30 each; all 4×5 net wrap Henry Welch Berkeley 843-899-5414

#### '20 MIX GRASS HAY

tight 4×5 bales, NR, stored outside, \$25 Mike Wright Pickens 864-270-0560

#### '20 4×5 RND CB

net wrap, limed & well fert, NR, stored outside, indiv on pallets, \$50 each Eddie West Aiken 803-507-8205

#### **BROWN TOP MILLET MIX**

clean grass, 4×5 rnd, net wrap, shed kept, \$40 Howard McCartha Lexington 803-312-3316

#### **4×5 RND HAY BALES**

\$20 each or \$15 each w/ purchase of 2+ Don Turner Spartanburg 864-706-7990

#### **4×5 HQ FESCUE**

net wrap, under shed on pallets, del avail for fee, \$50 Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222

#### '20 FESCUE/MIXED GRASS

baled 9/20, NR, net wrap, \$25/bale Russell Estelle Greenwood 864-910-1192

## '20 FESCUE MIX

4×4 rack & tarp stored, \$20; sm sq, barn stored, \$4.50, del avail Waitman Dixon Laurens 864-683-6620

#### '20 4×5 FESCUE

net wrap, \$40 **Bobby Baker** Lancaster 803-804-2230

## '20 HO RND CB

string wrap, \$40; sq, \$6; crab grass & brown top, \$35; all shed kept Clayton Leaphart Lexington 803-892-2642

#### '20 4×5 RND CB

net wrap, 100 bales avail, in field, \$30 Alton Hutto Lexington 803-600-6292

#### '20 FESCUE/MIXED GRASS

4×5 rnd, fert, NR. \$20 & \$25/bale Wayne Crandell Greenville 864-420-2589

#### 4×5 RND COW HAY

\$25/bale, bulk disc avail Luke Cook Lexington 803-467-6540

#### 5×4 RND FESCUE in barn, \$50

Neves Few Greenville 864-895-1454 **OAT & RYE GRASS** 

\$30; Fescue, \$25; grass mix, \$25; all 4×5 & net wrap Charles Nichols Saluda 864-445-8350

## **COMBINE RUN OATS**

\$40/55 gal drum or \$4 bulk Jason Nichols Saluda 864-992-2753

#### ORCHARD /FESCUE MIX

HQ, 21 sq bales/cube, \$126/ cube + del cost Joseph Henson York 803-448-5287

#### '20 TIFTON 44

4×5 rnd, outside, 35 avail, \$25 Jerry Harmon Lexington 803-359-3956

#### 4×5 CB

POULTRY

\$50; 4×5 Crabgrass-Millet, \$35; all shed kept Larry McCartha Lexington 803-606-2499

#### RND 4×5 CB

twine, \$30/bale Jeremy Harmon Lexington 803-518-6279

#### **MIXED GRASS HAY**

CQ, 4×5 rnd, \$20 Mike Armstrong Greenville 864-630-6174

## '20 4×5 NET WRAP CB

well fert & lime, NR, shed kept, \$50, del avail for fee **Edward Chavis** Barnwell 803-671-3108

#### 4×6 RND CB

NR, lrg amt, \$45, neg Stanley Shumpert Lexington 803-315-3212

#### **WHEAT & OATS**

\$10 each; soybeans, for deer, \$20; all in 50lb bags Plato Kneece Aiken 803-582-8665

## '20 HQ SQ CB

\$6 at barn Eddie McLeod Newberry 803-924-6500

#### '20 LRG SQ HQ FESCUE

fert, NR, \$4.50, at barn Don Hall Greenville 864-303-8472

#### **BAHIA TIFTON 9**

high moisture, \$15 Danny McAlhaney Bamberg 803-793-7095

## '20 4×5 RND FESCUE

HQ, fert, barn kept, \$35 Brad Griffith Anderson 864-419-0614

## PLANTS & FLOWERS

#### ADS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FROM COMMERCIAL NURSERIES, WHICH ARE DEFINED AS HAVING ANNUAL SALES OF \$5,000.

## **MONKEY GRASS**

aka Liriope, hosta, \$4 each; Iris, Daylily, \$5 each; Hydrangea, Gardenia, \$8.50 each Woody Ellenburg Pickens 864-855-2565

## **3 GAL AZALEAS**

\$8; I gal Azaleas, Lorepedlum, boxwoods, Gardenias, \$5; Tea Olives, \$7; red & pink Dogwoods, \$20 F C Noles Barnwell

## 803-383-4066

JAP MAPLES budding out, Gingko's, \$25+ George Luthren Lexington 803-319-1380

**NZ CROSS CALI MIX** 

7-10 w/o bunnies,

Robert McDonald

\$20-30 each

803-707-1040

Calhoun

## **RIVERBIRCH**

weeping willow trees, \$10 each; 3 gal Loropetalums, \$12 each; Sago Palms, \$20 each; more, no ship Larry Johnson Orangeburg 803-664-4213

**CANNAS** min I dozen each color, Pres red, yellow, Bengal tiger, no ship, \$8/dozen Robert Yonce Aiken 803-685-7240

## **JERSEY GIANT CHICKS**

straight run, \$6 each or 10 for \$50; more Raquel Hamilton Richland

#### 803-414-9176 **COTURNIX QUAIL EGGS**

Wht Texas A&M, for hatching, \$2/6 & \$4/12 Carol Fiddie Berkeley 843-729-6880

## **SM BANTAM CHICKENS**

Paul Dawkins Lexington

Ryan Trusty

706-394-3929

Aiken

## 10 roos, 10 hens, \$20/pr

803-465-3903 **CAYUGA PEKIN HYBRID** 

mature drakes, \$15 each

## **GUINEAS**

\$25/pr; extra jacks, \$10 each; game warhorse, Flarry Eye greys, \$30+ Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

## **CHICKS**

Wheaten Ameraucana, \$10; Egyptian Fayoumi, \$8; EF pullets, \$20; EF 2 pullets/ rooster, \$50; NPIP/AI Patricia Dukes Calhoun 803-606-1140

## WHT KING PIGEONS

Silver Kings, Homers, \$15 each; Rollers, \$12 each; Giant Runts, \$75 each Lynn Claxton Colleton 843-909-4285

## 1Y/O HENS

\$14 each; pigeons, mixed colors, \$7 each, wht, \$14 each Wayne Burdette Anderson 864-296-3496

## **8 M/O ROOSTER**

Light Brahma, \$10 Dottie Young Chester 803-581-1105 **BRONZE TOM TURKEY** 

#### Rio Grande, 1 y/o, \$100 Larry Gunter

803-532-7394 **4 PEAHENS** Indian Blue, \$125 each Bob Wentzky Anderson

#### **CHICKS**

Lavender Orpington, \$5+ Roger Todd Anderson 864-314-3714 **4 PEAFOWL** 

**PEACOCK** 

Monty Day

Lexington

803-604-7245

8 m/o, \$60 each, neg if all taken Joyce Ligon York 803-684-3518

Indian blue, 1 yng pr, \$275

Lexington

864-760-3626

# SEED

#### ADS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CURRENT SEED LAB TEST.

#### **BROWN TOP MILLET** cleaned, P-99.98%, G-86%, D/HS&G-86%, IN-o.o1%,

WS-0.01%, 50lb bags, \$25/bag Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315

## WHT CORN SEED

Cocke's Prolific, G-98%, D/ HSD & G-98%, for grinding or milling, \$30/pt + ship Clarence Gibbs Spartanburg 864-594-9525

## RABBITS

**REX & MINI REX** 2 bucks, 1 doe, \$25 each; 4 yng mini rex cross, \$20 each Morgan Smoak Orangeburg 803-531-8368

## **REX**

yng, \$15 & \$20 each; grown bucks, \$20 each Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

## LA COTTONTAILS

\$10 each Danny Cook Newberry 803-924-6953

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#### **BLK SADDLE**

vintage, western parade, EC, \$300 lames Frve Charleston 843-408-5851

#### SCAG ZERO TURN MWR

52"cut, 25hp Kohler motor, 1000 hrs, deck lined w/SS, \$3750; cast iron pots, 8+ gals, \$150+ D L Dimery Lexington 803-796-2995

#### **2 TRANS DRIVES**

Dave Bradley, & 4 whls, \$150 Marshall Oshields Union

#### 864-426-8021 **HD CHUTE**

Cattle Master Series 6, w/ auto head gate, \$2500; hay ring, \$100 Raymond Decker Lexington 803-317-4881

#### **2 FIRESTONE AG TIRES**

used, 9.5×24, FC; 1 Carlisle turf tire, 29×12.5×15, LN, \$100 for all Gray Wilson Beaufort 843-525-0836

#### **CEDAR MULCH**

\$50/p-up load; Holly lumber, red & wht Oak lumber, \$2/bf; 4×4×8 cedar posts, \$5 each Andy Morris Newberry 803-276-2670

#### **PURPLE MARTIN GOURD RACKS**

hay rake umbrella design, 12 gourd hanger, \$50, heads only; 16 hangers, \$60 Pete Jordan Darlington 843-332-3219

#### 21 SUITCASE WTS

100 lbs each, JD & IH, \$50 each; 6000 gal steel fert tank on skids, VGC, \$500 Charles Horger Calhoun 803-707-1493

#### **MARTIN GOURDS**

& other varieties, \$3+ Dickie Martin Laurens 864-682-5251

#### **2HP TILLER**

similar to Mantis, \$95; 7hp 19" rear tine tiller, \$525; garden plntr w/plates, \$100 Carl Agner Cherokee 864-839-9564

#### **TRACTOR TIRES**

used, good for flower/veg planting, \$20; 5 gal buckets, w/lids, \$1.50 Billy Gallman Newberry 803-276-7171

#### **CATTLE WATER TUB**

150 gal Rubbermaid, nvr used, \$100 Gordon Hill Anderson 864-617-5413

#### 100 COLLAPSIBLE CRATES

for market, harvest & storage, mod 6425, open, 24"L×16"W×11"H, \$7 each obo John Mahon Chesterfield 843-910-7352

#### 10' COPPER PIPE

2" dia, no bend or kinks, \$85 Danny Creamer Lexington 803-206-3279

## **CARPENTER BEE TRAPS**

\$12 each Andrew Burroughs Lexington 803-530-6092

#### **USED BARN ROOF TIN**

8-10', 500', GC, 75¢/ft obo Douglass Britt McCormick 864-391-3334

#### **GOURDS**

Martin & snake, var sizes, \$1.50+, quan disc Ronny Wilson Anderson 864-356-6959

#### 2 DUALS

18.4-34 tires/rims off a MF 285, FC, 12 over rim clamps & j-hook bolts, 6/side, \$750 Trent Porth Lexington 803-413-8065

#### **REAR WHL WGHTS**

for FA Cub, FA A-140, \$100/ set obro; 50 uncut Martin gourds, lrg, \$5 each Robert Yonce Aiken 803-685-7240

#### **1H DR BUGGY**

w/folding top, hyd brakes, rubber on whls, EC, \$1200 Harry Isbell Anderson 864-617-2627

## **100 BEAN STICKS**

fiberglass, \$100; hay rake whl, \$50 R Long Newberry 803-924-9039

#### **DR BUGGY**

\$300 Jack Hurst Chesterfield 843-921-8574

#### **BOARDS**

dried wht pine, 9½"-15"W, 7½'-12' L, I" thick, live edged, 85¢/bdft Rick Winn York 803-448-1834

#### **4 WHEEL HAY WAGONS** \$500; 4 steel rims, for mule

wagon, \$400 F C Noles Barnwell 803-383-4066

#### **2 COLE PLNTRS**

& 2 fert distrib, mule drawn, GC, \$75 each Haskell Hughes Laurens 864-430-5559

#### **PINE LUMBER**

seasoned & rough cut,  $2"\times$ 4", 6", 8", 60¢/bdft; 1"×4", 6", 8", 8o¢/bdft Mark Miller Georgetown 843-240-2306

#### JD SPRAYER TANK

6500-6700, \$1000; JD sprayer pump 6500, new, \$750; sprayer pump clutch, new, \$400 Jeff Millen Chester 803-209-0893

#### **55 GAL FG DRUMS**

metal & plastic, open tops, lids & rings, \$15, \$20, \$25 ea; 275 gal port tow tanks, \$50 ea; more Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

#### **6 GROUND NESTING BOXES**

for waterfowl, used, \$40 each Kent Jewell Lancaster 803-320-3708

#### **COMP FARM BELL**

old, #3/\$350; ex lrg farm bell, w/whl, comp, \$1200; #20 hash pots, \$200 each; #15, \$150; more Perry Masters Greenville 864-561-4792

#### TRACTOR PARTS

for '66 Ford 2000, water pump kit, hoses, thermostat, muffler, all new, \$65 Barney Williams Lexington 803-543-8715

#### **MARTIN GOURDS**

bored & painted, \$2.50+ John Eubanks Kershaw 803-475-8510

#### **DSL WELDER**

AC-DC Miller, 2500 low hrs, 50' of leads, \$6500 Stanley Taylor Chester 803-789-5236

#### CARPENTER BEE TRAPS

to catch & dispose, lots of 5 for \$85 w/instr William Timmerman Aiken 803-640-6265

#### **SAND CLAY & TOPSOIL**

5 ton load, \$50/sand clay; \$75/topsoil, del w/in 20 mi David Wannamaker Calhoun 803-682-2117

#### OAK FIREWOOD

del, stacked, cut to size, full size p-up, Cola areas, \$125 Ronald Wright Richland 803-606-1666

#### **RIDING MWR**

Troy Bilt, 42" cut, B & S 17 5hp, \$750 obo Spartanburg 864-316-1222

#### **GY 19.5-24" TIRES**

10 ply, new, \$850; 14.9-28 w/rims, \$650; 18.4×42" all terrain Firestones, \$1800 ea Ronnie Judy Dorchester 843-701-6394

#### **KUBOTA ZG222 ZERO TURN**

220 hrs, gas, 48" pro deck, recently serv, EC, \$5200 obo Jenifer Barnes Fairfield 803-609-2762

#### **BUDD ALUM WHLS**

11×24.5, \$85; 5 gal buckets w/lids, \$1.85; fuel tank w/ gauge, \$105 F Rowe Newberry 803-271-7768

### **METAL ROOFING**

coco brn, 39 pcs, 2 bags of screws, \$679; blk, 10-14'13", \$285; galvum, 6-12', 1 bag of screws, \$235 James Horne Greenville 864-243-3682

#### **CANNING JARS**

14 dozen qts, 13 dozen pts, 5 dozen ½ pts, 6 dozen 4, 8 & 12 oz jelly, \$145 for all Jim Keller Cherokee 864-206-0072

## **2 DBL CEDAR HUTCHES**

\$100 each; (2) 24×24 cages, \$40 each; each incl feeders & waterers Morgan Smoak Orangeburg 803-531-8368

## 2 POLY STORAGE TANKS

each 5000 gal, \$2000 each Danny McAlhaney Bamberg 803-793-7095

#### **BEE HIVES**

in storage 20 yrs, 6 brood w/21 shallow suppers, \$150 obo Tommy Hayden Lexington 803-532-7820

## WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

## **ROP**

for 3600 Ford tractor Mason Motley Richland 803-600-2053

## 12' GRAIN BIN

will dismantle & move Jerry Morton Spartanburg 864-680-1313

## HAY KING RENOVATOR

used C-4 & C-6, & C-8 Randy Stanley Anderson 843-602-0031

## **CASE IH 685 OR 695**

low hr, GC, w/roll bar or cab Jeff Millen Chester 803-209-0893

#### JD OR FOREST CITY DO-ALL

needs to have spring tooth shanks in front Larry Green Spartanburg 864-303-7004

## JD 3020

4020, 4240, 4055; 10-12' BWA harrow Ronnie Judy Dorchester 843-701-6394

## JD 410

420, & 820 running, not running or for parts John Newton McMillan Hampton 803-842-3900

## 16" STOCK TRL

covered, BP, reasonably priced Christopher Johnson

#### 803-640-2734 14-16' DISC HARROW

in GC Paul Jeffcoat Aiken 803-564-5205

## MANURE SPREADER

PTO driven, in WC Steve Lowder 803-968-2288

## **PINE SAWTIMBER**

Pine Pulpwood & Hdwd, we cut sm or lrg tracts, 8A+ H Yonce Edgefield 803-275-2091

## **DBL RING GAS BURNERS**

used in old tobacco barns, fueled from below, not from the side Marshall Murdaugh Colleton 843-562-2252

## SUGARCANE MILL

& syrup kettle, doesn't have to be in WC Justin Welch Berkeley 843-412-8467

## **PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER**

WANT - MISCELLANEOUS

hdwd pine, all types of thinning or clear cut, pay top prices, Upstate Co's Tim Morgan Greenville 864-420-0251

## **BLK SMITH ANVIL**

any size, & old farm bell, any size; hand crank corn sheller Larry Gunter Lexington

**5V CRIMP TIN** no chicken house metal David Wannamaker Calhoun 803-682-2117

#### FIELDS OF LONG LEAF **PINE STRAW**

top prices paid, 15 yrs exp David Shull Lexington 803-318-4263

## **SYRUP KETTLE**

anvils, any size wash pots, old lighting rod w/balls & weathervane, lrg coffee grinder, more Perry Masters Greenville 864-561-4792

# WANT - LIVESTOCK

## EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

## **CATTLE**

beef or dairy Kenneth Satterfield Laurens

#### 864-304-3172 100% NZ KIKO YRLG DOES

Edgefield 864-378-2693 **2 TURKEY HENS Bob Cathey** 

Cal Norris

Anderson 864-303-8203

## 2-4 YNG BOER NANNIES

w/no horns Lisa Obert Newberry 803-924-7378

## ISO MINIATURE COWS

or hefrs, would prefer Dexter or Herfrd, open to most any Steve Durham Pickens 864-238-4572

## **AUTO SEX KING PIGEONS**

Swiss Mondane pigeons, Asil games, or any reasonably priced poultry Lvnn Claxton Colleton 843-909-4285

**2 F PEACOCKS** 

Tom Thornton

803-960-4068

prefer white

Lexington

## 803-532-7394



MARKET BULLETIN

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# GRAIN PRODUCERS: PROTECT YOURSELVES BY WORKING WITH A LICENSED DEALER

BY SCDA

The South Carolina Dealers and Handlers
Law protects farmers and producers who might
otherwise be injured financially by dealers who fail
to pay. Dealers purchasing agricultural products
directly from producers and later reselling those
products are required to be licensed by the South
Carolina Department of Agriculture, complete with
a surety bond.

Producers should always verify that they are working with a licensed dealer to ensure that they will be entitled to the protections offered by the Dealers and Handlers Law. Agricultural products of the farm, orchard, vineyard, garden, and apiary include corn, soybean, wheat, and produce, raw and manufactured.

However, tobacco, cotton, dairy products, and timber products **are not** covered under this law.

In addition, purchasers of some agricultural products **are not required to be licensed**. These include:

- I. Resident farmers or groups of resident farmers in the sale or purchase of agricultural products
- 2. All persons who buy for cash and pay at the time of delivery with United States currency and maintain on file in the office of the Commissioner an affidavit of this fact which shall be renewed on an annual basis
- 3. A dealer in agricultural products who operates as a bonded licensee under the Federal Packers and Stockyards Act
- 4. An operator of a roadside stand doing business within the State who pays for agricultural products by cash or check

- 5. All persons who buy in small quantities for personal use or consumption
- 6. Any miller who receives and purchases grains from producers on a cash only delivery basis and pays by check or draft and posts conspicuously in his place of business a notice to the producer that the miller is
  - a. not a licensed dealer;
  - b. not bonded as a licensed dealer;
  - c. does not collect assessments for, nor offer the protection of the South Carolina Grain Producers Guaranty Fund, and gives the same notice in writing to the producer prior to receipt and purchase of each lot of grain, and registers with the Commissioner an affidavit of this fact which shall be renewed on an annual basis.

The **South Carolina Grain Producers Guaranty Fund** operates as an additional insurance policy for grain producers whose claims exceed the licensed dealer's surety bond. Valid claims against this fund must also be for losses incurred when selling grain to a dealer licensed under the Dealers and Handlers Law.

The Grain Producers Guaranty Fund is not subsidized by tax dollars. Instead, producers pay an assessment fee of 1 cent per bushel for soybeans and 1/2 cent per bushel for other grains produced and sold. These fees are collected by licensed grain dealers and remitted to the Department to be placed into the SC Guaranty Fund. Assessments are not collected once the fund total reaches \$4 million.

If the fund drops below \$4 million, however, the assessments will be collected once again.

Currently, no assessments are being collected.

Remember, to be protected under the Dealers and Handlers of Agricultural Products Law and the South Carolina Grain Producers Guaranty Fund, grain producers must do business with a dealer properly licensed under the Dealers and Handlers Law.

- Authorized dealers are issued a license that should be conspicuously displayed in their place of business.
- Also, any person who is an agent for a licensed Dealer and Handler must possess a buyer's card issued by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture showing the name of the licensed Dealer and Handler.
- To verify that a business is licensed or for more information, call the Consumer Protection Division of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture at 803-737-9700 or go online to agriculture.sc.gov/consumer-services and click on "Licensed and Bonded Dealers and Handlers of Agricultural Products."

Finally, to make a valid claim against the Dealers and Handlers of Agricultural Products Law or the South Carolina Grain Producers Guaranty Fund, producers/farmers must have delivered their farm products to a dealer licensed under the Dealers and Handlers Law.

## MARY MARTHA GREEN'S ZUCCHINI BREAD

A RECIPE FROM THE CHEESE BISCUIT QUEEN TELLS ALL: SOUTHERN RECIPES, SWEET REMEMBRANCES, AND A LITTLE RAMBUNCTIOUS BEHAVIOR

Editor's note: Zucchini season doesn't start for another few months, but you can get in the South Carolina summer mindset with this advance excerpt from Mary Martha Greene's cookbook, printed with permission from the University of South Carolina Press.

A friend of mine moved back to live on his grandparents' farm in lovely Rembert, South Carolina. Sometime around the first part of June each year, I'll find on my side porch early one morning a large basket of zucchini he's dropped off on his way into the office. Zucchini bread follows shortly thereafter. While it is yummy baked in 5 × 9-inch loaf pans, I love to bake it in muffin tins or brownie pans with multiple wells so I end up with more of the delicious crusty parts.

Mary Martha Greene is a South Carolina native and former government relations consultant who perfected her entertaining skills for making friends and engaging clients during her forty-year career. Learn more at thecheesebiscuitqueen.com

In her new book, Greene pairs more than 100 tried-and-true recipes for dishes like country ham scones, Frogmore stew dip, shrimp and corn pie, and lemon pound cake with stories from her corner of the South. This book brims with fabulous characters, antic-filled anecdotes, and recipes so good they might just call for a change in State House rules (true story). With new ideas for the consummate entertainer, helpful tips for less experienced cooks, and stories to make even the grumpiest legislator laugh, The Cheese Biscuit Queen Tells All has a place in every kitchen. Great food leads to great memories, and with Mary Martha Greene by your side, even everyday meals can become memorable occasions.

Buy a copy of The Cheese Biscuit Queen Tells All: Southern Recipes, Sweet Remembrances, and a Little Rambunctious Behavior at your favorite bookstore or online at <u>uscpress.com/</u> The-Cheese-Biscuit-Queen-Tells-All.

Makes 2 loaves (serves 16)

- 2 cups freshly grated zucchini, drained in a colander
- 1½ cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 3 whole large eggs, beaten
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- I tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1½ teaspoons baking soda
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- I cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- I cup raisins

Preheat the oven to  $375^{\circ}$ F. Grease two  $5 \times 9$ -inch baking pans with butter or baking spray with flour.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the zucchini, sugar, oil, eggs, and vanilla. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder, and salt.

Add the dry mixture to wet mixture and mix until well combined.

Stir in the nuts and raisins and transfer the batter to the prepared baking pans. Bake for I hour. To test for doneness, gently press the top of each loaf; if they bounce back slightly, they're done. Remove from the oven. Remove the loaves from the pans and set aside on a wire rack to cool. Serve warm.

NOTE: The batter can also be scooped into 3 ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch 12-well) medium muffin tins greased with baking spray with flour. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until done.

